I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C., on July 6, 1999.

Date of Signature: July 6, 1999

Docket No. UNSYD 39709

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

STATUS INQUIRY		IL ROOM
	)	9   N
OR CONTROLLING CATARACT)		
TITLE: A METHOD FOR PREVENTING	,	JUL 1600
11DDD: 141ay 17, 1990	) Los Angeles, CA 90024	0
FILED: May 17, 1996	) ) July 6, 1999	a
SERIAL NO.: 08/648,092	) Group Art No.: 1205	. •
and Coral Gwenda Chamberlain	)	
Johnston William McAvoy	)	
APPLICANT:	Examiner: Z. Fay	

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** 

ATTN: Examiner Fay Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to a telephonic conference with Examiner Fay on February 11, 1999, a facsimile was transmitted to the USPTO on February 16, 1999 attaching the Amendment previously filed on October 19, 1998 which was in response to the July 17, 1998 Office action. Nevertheless, we received a Notice of Abandonment dated February 17, 1999 indicating that the Applicant failed to respond to the July 17, 1998 Office action.

Serial No.: 08/648,092

In a telephonic conference held March 2, 1999 with Examiner Fay, it was communicated to the undersigned that the Notice of Abandonment would be withdrawn. We have not, however, received any further communication from the USPTO.

Accordingly, please advise concerning the status of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

FULWIDER PATTON LEE & UTECHT, LLP

John V. Hanley

Registration No. 38,171

JVH:kst

10877 Wilshire Blvd., 10th Floor

Los Angeles, CA 90024

Tel. No.: (310) 824-5555

Facsimile: (310) 824-9696

JUL 19 1999